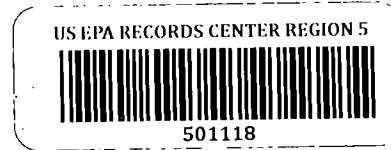


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October 7, 2011

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**Re: Monthly Progress Report for September 2011  
North Bronson Industrial Area Site Operable Unit 1, Bronson, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Hahnenberg:

The North Bronson Potentially Responsible Parties Group (the Group) submits this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Article X, Paragraph 31, of the Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) of Operable Unit 1 at the North Bronson Industrial Area (NBIA) Site (the Consent Decree). This report summarizes efforts by the Group to fulfill the requirements of the Consent Decree during September 2011.

## **1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period**

- A. On September 10, 2011, the Group submitted the August 2011 monthly progress report to USEPA with copies to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).
- B. The Group conducted an initial review of the draft Restrictive Covenant for the Western Lagoon Area property, prepared in accordance with Appendix E of the Consent Decree, with respect to the latest Michigan Model Restrictive Covenant and Guidance Form.

## **2. Results of Sampling and Other Test Data**

- A. The Group developed no sampling or other test data during the September 2011 reporting period.

**3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables**

- A. The Group submitted no work plans, procedures, or deliverables during the September 2011 reporting period.
- B. Because there has been no response from the agencies, the Group assumes that the year-old *Technical Memorandum* documenting the connection of properties to the municipal water supply system and the associated abandonment of private wells (submitted September 24, 2010) is approved.

**4. Actions Projected for Next Six-Week Period**

- A. Upon resolution of any remaining issues related to remediation goals (RGs) following the July 7, 2011 meeting and August 1, 2011 follow-up correspondence, the Group will submit a proposed schedule for RD deliverables consistent with Section V of the Statement of Work appended to the Consent Decree. The draft Restrictive Covenant for the Western Lagoon Area property will be included as an RD deliverable.

**5. Progress and Schedule Report**

- A. The Group is awaiting a response from EPA regarding any remaining issues related to RGs.
- B. There are currently no other unresolved issues that affect the performance or timing of RD activities.

**6. Summary of Proposed or Approved Changes to the Work Plans or Schedules**

- A. The Group proposed no changes to approved work plans or schedules during the September 2011 reporting period.

**7. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan**

- A. The Group undertook no formal activities in support of the Community Relations Plan during the September 2011 reporting period.

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We trust that this submittal satisfies your requirements at this time. If you have questions regarding this monthly progress report or related project matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo M. Brausch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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